

Ark River Joint Meeting
September 15, 2009
WATER Center: 10:30 - Noon

Monty Munyon	Janet Wright
Kim Austin	Mo Terrebonne
Tonya Bronlewee	Natalie Snyder
Claire Willenburg	Mitch Mitchell
Ron Graber	Tom Swan
Hoyt Hillman	Libby Albers
Rich Basore	Sarah Goetz
Shawn Maloney	Tom Vanetta
Tom Kneil	Irene Hart

Welcome – Introductions

Announcements:

- WRAPS Conference in Great Bend at the end of this month. www.kswraps.org
- WRAPS - Oct 13th – Garden City – Review of water quality practices – overseen by KACEE
- Pond Management workshop TONIGHT at the Extension Office
- “Roll Out the Rain Barrel” - September 30th at Coca-Cola – preregistration required
- Kansas Small Flow Workshop in Olathe was a couple of weeks ago. Met at the new JO Co Center (LEEP) building. - Rain water comes into the center of the building – super cool design.
- Monday, September 21, Riverside Meeting, Ark River PPT, 7 PM
- Kansas Wind and Energy Conference on October 6-7
- KACEE Conference in Lawrence November 5-7: renewable energy and green schools

Stormwater Ordinance

- first reading at council was yesterday
- Council will still take comments before the second reading
- Becky has brought copies of the new, draft, ordinance

Presentation on WRAPS – Update by GSI

- Has everyone had the opportunity to take the survey? Everyone has the opportunity to respond no matter where they live.
 - What is the overall idea (question posed)?
 - Do you want input of urban people only or people that use the river even though they may not live here?
 - Who was it sent out to?
- Survey and Website Results (updates)
 - Stakeholder survey is more prominent on the website
 - Upcoming events are posted
 - In the process of planning the first big public meeting, likely 2nd week of October
 - Website results – 244 visitors, 175 unique visitors, 536 page views
 - Most visitors are from KS, MO, CO, TX, CA
 - Spikes in website visitation are due to mass emails and newspaper articles
 - Survey Monkey – 57 completed surveys
 - 32% of people visiting the website take survey
 - Descriptive words to describe the river on the survey have been negative or showing potential
 - Skewed to the heavy response of the Sierra Club
 - Will be attending the Pond Workshop tonight to present survey

- Will present to the Young Professionals and the Chamber of Commerce...Chamber contact to be developed
- Would Gerald Holman do a presentation to the Natural Resource Committee? Or their Leadership Class?
- Are putting together information targeted at the Neighborhood Associations
- Need to find additional outlets to get youth responses – needs to be some action that the youth can participate in after the presentation in order to make a better impact
- Just in the information gathering stage right now
- Can it get into the colleges?
- Another part is the education:
 - other groups are going to have to have what WRAPS is explained to them
- How was survey developed?
 - Used several questions from River Ambassadors
 - Researched what other watersheds asked
 - Looked at what Sg Co was asking
 - Kay and Becky worked on it
- How long and how many surveys?
 - Asked to do two public meetings – don't feel like that will work. Need to hit these smaller meetings
 - Must be done by April
 - Goal is to establish the stakeholder leadership team
 - Show KDHE that the community was surveyed
 - Need to have a “viral” effect
 - Have gone to all the DABs – data has not been input yet
- What extent will the survey results drive the process?
 - That will be determined by the stakeholder team
- What if in April the Stakeholder team is skewed?
 - GSI has a mediator and is prepared for discussion
 - Question on the survey that asks if the responder wants more information or to be on the committee
 - GSI will do interviews
 - Want folks that have an open mind and a vested interest but hopefully not one just one agenda item.
 - Some organizations are nominating representatives
 - There will be communication on how much time and effort is required, etc
 - Anticipated number on the leadership team – Scott suggested 25-30 – then there are smaller work teams
- What are the watershed boundaries
 - the HUC's within the city of Wichita
 - Sg Co is doing the western part of the county – overseen by Conservation District